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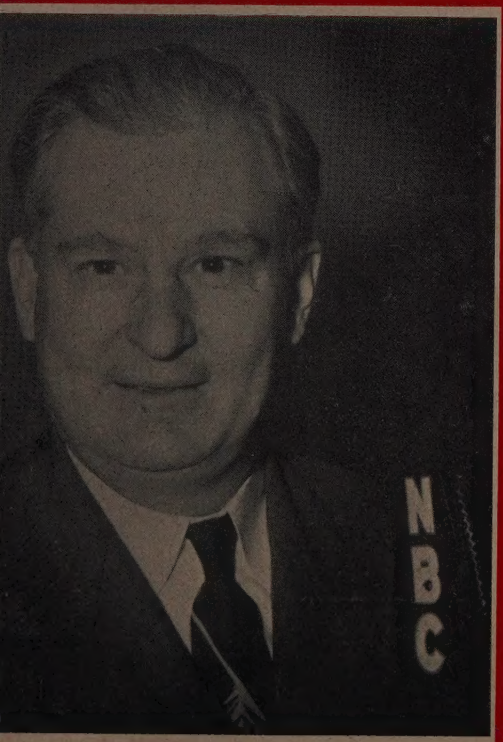

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Everett Mitchell, International Lay Chairman of CHEY. Thousands o Lutherans are familiar with the voice of Everett Mitchell as he has beer master of ceremonies on National Farm and Home Hour, National Broad casting Co. His first program was started in 1926 and four years later he took over the NBC program with which he is always associated. He is the personal friend of farmers all over the country. He has met them in hi visits to their conferences and to their homes. He is vice-president of St Luke's Lutheran Church, Park Ridge, Illinois, member of the Board of Amer ican Missions and president of Lutheran Student Foundation. When busy laymen like Mr. Mitchell take time out for a movement like CHEY it is a challenge for each Lutheran layman to take off his coat, roll up his sleeves and go to work in his own church, conference and synod to lift that $6,000,000 CHEY objective over-the-top.

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The Editor's Personal Paragraphs . . .

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a festival that enlists the interest thousands who neglect the urches during the rest of the year. rhaps this is due to the fact that ster offers the one solution to the iversal problem, death. Because rist lives, we know that we will e also. His victory over the omy tomb insures the release of r loved ones from the bondage of ir grave clothes. The tragic failure these Easter-Christians lies in ir thought of death apart from its se, sin. Easter marks the victory Christ over the enemy of our ls. It strikes at the roots of death. is a year-round problem. We are d that the early church observed ch Sunday as a Day of Ressurrec- n. Indeed the first instead of the venth day of the week was chosen the day of worship because rist arose on that day. Among the thousands that throng our churches on Easter there will be countless faithful folks who have been at church every Sunday, confessing their sins and hearing the message of forgiveness. To them Easter will mean the most. The Resurrection will validate for them all the promises of Christ. It will be the culmination of year-long faith in Christ as the only way of their salvation. They will not be spectators of a drama of hope for the dead but participants in a service of joy for their liberation from the power of Satan.

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Philadelphia, Pa. Conference Broth. held another great dinner meeting with over 400 present. It was held in February at McAllister's. This is a purely social meeting with plenty of entertainment and good fellowship. Emil Scholtz, extension chairman, was in charge of arrangements. April 24th, the spring rally will be held in St. Mark's Church, Broad and Chelton Ave., Philadelphia. Attendance goal is 500 Lutheran men.

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The new president

of the National Lutheran Council is Dr. Lawrence Stavig, president of Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S.D. He is a vice-president of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. The other officers elected were Dr. Oscar Benson, pastor of Trinity Lutheran

Church, Worcester, Mass., vice-president; Dr. Armin Weng, president of Chicago Lutheran Seminary, secretary; Mr. S. Frederick Telleen, treasurer. Rev. Donald Heiges, in charge of student work in the New York area, was elected to succeed Dr. Morris Wee as divisional secretary for Student Service. The sessions of the NLC were held in Minneapolis and the spirit of inter-synodical cooperation was, as usual, a joyous and hopeful experience. The plans for a new home building for the executive officers were received with much enthusiasm. The NLC has occupied the top floor o our Church House and for som years the growing staffs of both UL and NLC have crowded the build ing. The future of Lutheran Worl Action came under serious ques tion. The need for support of its ob jectives can be seen for some yea ahead. Plans were laid for the grad ual reduction in LWA goals till i 1954 the objectives can be include in the regular budgets of the partic pating Church bodies. During th past decade the NLC has raised ov $25,000,000 in cash and $11,000 000 in goods for emergency activ

SODT TO STAVIG

Rev. William Sodt, D.D., past president of the National Lutheran Council and his successor, Rev. Lawrence Stavig, D.D.

, to restore, strengthen and main-
Lutheran Churches throughout
world. During the next four
rs another $10,600,000 will be re-
red. Resolutions adopted includ-
a vigorous protest for the unjust
risonment of Bishop Ordass; op-
ition to further representation at
Vatican; support a broader dis-
ced persons law that would also
e attention to the expellees; op-
ition to genocide. The problem
nancing the DPs is proving most
icult because of the large sums
uired for loans providing trans-
ation from the port of entry to
new homes. Congregations are
e asked to secure such loans lo-
y when they apply for DPs. Per-
ally years of service on the NLC
e been most rewarding, both in
friendships made across our Lu-
an synodical boundaries, and
in the opportunity to share in
world-wide program of the
ncil.

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Herbert Alleman,

time professor at Gettysburg
ological Seminary is using his
ement to do some postponed
ing. Last year his delightful little
k of essays, "Personal Religion"
published. It received enthusi-
acceptance, not only in our
he an church but among Protes-
s generally. Now he has pub-
ed another little book "Prisoner's
ope." It is dedicated to Professor
mond T. Stamm, who retired
active teaching because of ill
th. Dr. Alleman has lost the use of his eyes and must depend on others to read and write for him. Out of such personal experience and the experience of his collegue one can understand how this book grew. Both are prisoners, both are sustained by a lively hope in Christ. Dr. Alleman's books will be read with interest and profit by laymen. They are full of illustrations, many of which are taken from the rich personal experience of the author. Those of us who know and appreciate Dr. Alleman find him speaking to us with his fine sense of humor and his unquenchable optimism, from the pages of his books. "Prisoner's of Hope" is published by Muhlenberg Press at $1.50.

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Martin A. McGrory,

"Mac" to a host of friends, writes glowingly of The Lutheran Laymen Fellowship of Washington, D.C. This month LLF holds its eighth annual dinner meeting with Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton, president of Wittenberg College as the speaker. The president is Dr. Oscar R. LeBeau. The organization has set the goal of 1000 members in 1950. Such movements across the lines of our general Lutheran bodies, lay a foundation of understanding and good will on which movements for Lutheran union must be built. Perhaps your Brotherhood might initiate the organization of a Lutheran fellowship in your community, inviting all the Lutheran laymen.

Committee of 1000,

Lutheran Men—Forward with Christ! Glendale Civic Auditorium was the scene of an inspiring gathering of California Lutherans the last Sunday in January. Over 1000 were present by actual count. The address was given by Rev. F. Eppling Reinartz, D.D., secretary of our Church. The energetic president of our California Synod, Dr. James P. Beasom, Jr., also spoke. Of course the Brotherhood Hymn was on the program. Announcement was also made of the prospect for a new Lutheran Seminary, serving the Pacific Coast. It is expected that the school can open in a former college property ideally adapted to the purpose. The future of California Lutheranism will be greatly brightened by the possession of a Seminary on the ground. What Northwestern Seminary has done for its Synod, a Seminary in California is bound to do for the Pacific coast. The Committee of 1000 is the creation of our Southern California Conference Brotherhood.

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Our President

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, has expressed his great disappointment in the failure of the ULCA to meet its quota for Lutheran World Action. One of the reasons given in his thoughtful diagnosis of the situation was the fact that so many congregation have placed LWA on their regular budgets. The result has been that these congregations generally paid in full, to the dollar, and nothing more. There is here expressed frankly a danger in the so-ca unified budget. Such budgets increasingly used by our congre tions. Many have turned from plex to single envelopes. All does simplify giving, but it can c succeed if there is adequate pro tion of the various causes inclu in the budget. To be fair to e part of the budget, any sur should also be apportioned to various causes on the basis of budget. Even then, it seems to that we need opportunities for e giving for special needs. If a pa is preaching a sermon that dir the minds and hearts of his pe toward the continuing needs of therans abroad in war-devast communities or in orphaned sions, some opportunity ought t given for an offering beyond amount pledged. This is the fault of a financial system otherwise is simple and effec Our people must not give merel meet a budget. They must be tau to give to the objectives in budget and all for Jesus' sake.

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The Missouri Synod

will be advised not to join the tional Lutheran Council by a c mittee appointed to report to t convention next June. Four of five members of the committee s ed the report. The fifth member offer a minority report calling membership.

Seven general objections to souri Synod membership "at

sent time" were listed by the mittee, as follows:

So much of the program of the ional Lutheran Council is to us unionistic nature.

In practice and in fact the field participation would be very ted as compared with the over- program of the Council.

The overwhelming majority of boards and commissions in the souri Synod are not in favor of icipation in the work of the ncil as far as their specific fields abor are concerned.

Joining the Council would be ittle advantage to the Missouri od as an organization, but would tiply its problems.

Missouri Synod membership ld be an irritant rather than a to the Council.

Joining the Council would cre- disharmony within the Synodi- Conference and would lead to nderstanding in American and d Lutheranism.

Joining the Council could be rpreted as inconsistent with the ical doctrine and practice of the ouri Synod.

his minority report, Mr. Dick- er called attention to the "ur- cy that presents itself to Chris- s who have the responsibility of ng and working in these chal- ing days." He asserted his feel- that disaster threatens the world ess men can be brought to a zation that only through an ac- ance of Christ as their Savior God as their Guide can we hope for peace in the hearts of men."

"Only the intensive active evangelical ministry of the Church can and will be effective," he said. "If by a greater degree of cooperation among the Lutheran Church bodies of America it can be made more effective, it should be done." In addition to Mr. Dickmeyer, the committee consisted of the Rev. Walter H. Meyer of Independence, Kan., president of the Kansas District, Mr. Carl A. Geist, a layman of Cincinnati, O., Mr. Arthur L. Miller of St. Louis, executive secretary of the Board for Parish Education, and Dr. Lawrence Meyer of St. Louis, special representative of the Synod's Board of Directors. Lutheran men generally will hope that the minority report would win out, though that is not likely to happen in the Missouri Synod.

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THE Northern District of the North Carolina Brotherhood, ULCA, is pioneering a movement for using Boy Scouts to help in the development of Lutheridge (assembly grounds) which it is hoped will be followed by all Brotherhood Districts. Pastor George F. Schott, Jr., chairman of the Northern District Scout committee, suggested in his report that the District pay the expenses of 24 Boy Scouts who would go to Lutheridge for two weeks this summer.

The Scouts will be expected to give 6 hours a day in labor to help in the development of Lutheridge. In addition, each day's program will

feature devotional and recreational periods.

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"Day by Day We Magnify Thee" is a recent publication by Muhlenberg Press that should become a popular book of daily devotions among Lutherans. Each day a quotation from the writings of Martin Luther is given for study and meditation. The devotions are arranged according to the church year. It is interesting to note that a number of the most recent books on Luther are coming from English authors. These devotions are translated and arranged by Margaret Steiner and Percy Scott. Never before has Martin Luther had so wide a following today. All Protestantism is red covering him. We Lutherans m have to hurry to catch up with so of our non-Lutheran Luther schola The price of this devotional book $2.50.

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"All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark is flying
From His light, to Whom we give
Laud and praise undying.
Neither might the gates of death,
Not the tomb's dark portal.
Not the watchers, nor the seal,
Hold Thee as a mortal."

John of Damascus
VIII Century

The Rev. L. H. Steinhoff, right; Western Region CHEY Director confers with O. L. Sturtevant, Lincoln, Nebraska, left; President of the Nebraska Lutheran Brotherhood, in Omaha, about Christian Higher Education Year Appeal plans for that area.

Presidential Message

ear Brothers:

Just a few weeks ago we all joined in celebrating the birthday of e "Father of our Country".

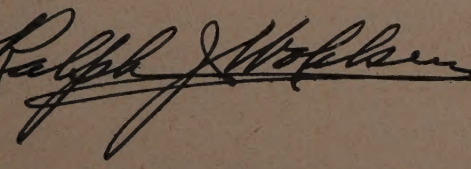
We can learn much, as Christian laymen, from the life of this "Hero Valley Forge". Both in his darkest moments, when his men were de-rting in numbers because of lack of food and supplies, when some of s trusted officers had conspired with members of the Continental ongress to withhold food, clothing and supplies to force him to accept rms of surrender of a "lost cause" and also at his greatest moments of umph, when he victoriously accepted the enemy's surrender — George ashington bowed his head and on bended knee prayed to God.

He could not just pray and expect God to answer in his favor, as ough by miracle. He prayed but he also worked toward the accom-ishment that he asked for in his prayers. We are faced today, not with open enemy, of red coats and ships, but an insidious cancer working way into our midst on all internal fronts, even some churches, that uld destroy, all that Washington prayed and worked for, among hich is INDIVIDUAL liberty of servitude and religion.

We must choose between organized atheism and our present re-gious freedom under Christian democracy — "It is later than we ink" — we must choose NOW. We can no longer just talk about it — e MUST WORK if we are to maintain our heritage of Christian liberty.

One very important way to do that is to support C.H.E.Y. ourselves d work for its success by offering our services to our Congregational mmittee. That will assure us of Christ-centered and Christ-guided ristian leaders in our Church, our farms, our factories, our banks and r businesses in the future, so that your children and mine, may en-y the same freedom of worship that we have inherited through the crifices of our forefathers.

Yours in Christian Brotherhood



The Executive Secretary's MONTHLY MESSAGE

★ MR. EARLE W. BADER,
Market and New Streets, Bethlehem, Penna.

Our Christian Colleges

From the Press, Radio, Religious Groups and Patriotic citizens comes the warning that our free democratic Christian way of life is in grave danger.

What is this menace which is threatening our freedom. Who is to blame, and what can we do to save our priceless heritage. Most of us are ready to place the blame upon the communistic infiltration into our government, schools and industry. This may be a result rather than the cause. If we reflect but a moment, we will find that we are living in a materialistic and scientific age that scoffs at the things of the unseen world. The realm of the spirit and its emphasis upon the individual are forgotten in our mass production and mass education. When our country was founded, the Puritans first of all built cabins to live in, schools to study in, and churches to worship in. To them and for several generations following, the home, school and the church were inseparably linked together as symbols of the democratic Christian way of life.

Nearly all of our colleges were founded by the Church. Some of our great universities were originally chartered as religious schools. Let me cite just one example: Columbia College was established in 1753 — "to teach and engage children know God in Jesus Christ."

Again we ask "what has happ ed to change our philosophy ab Christian Education"? Dr. Pa Member of the Augustana Luthe Commission on Christian Higher ucation, believes he has the answ "Our country grew too fast — the colleges grew too fast. Tod all over the nation, we find sco of small Christian colleges doing job that the large universities (Ye Harvard, Dartmouth) were suppos to do and established by the Chu to do. The greatest danger in modern educational trend is that students are likely to become **skill** rather than **schooled.**"

Are we going to sit idly by a let matters take their course, or w we blame someone else when loss of our Christian freedom comes a reality? Dr. Groves, Pre dent of Centre College, recently a question that all of us need ponder over:

"Can we continue to lament misunderstanding of the meani of freedom in our land and under and neglect the institution that been its bulwark, can we compl that more and more of our peo expect society to provide for th and then fail to support the one stitution that has been, and is e cating our young men and you

omen for creative activity in the rvice of mankind; can we go on ating about the necessity of free terprise and yet fail to exercise r freedom in the support of the in- tution that is helping to make our stem of free enterprise intelligent d Christian; and finally, dare we ntinue in the Church to put every use first from the building of a urch to the installation of one ore stained-glass window and ve at the end of the list, if it gets the list at all, the institution from hich we expect our trained lead- s, both ministers and lay people?

President Franklin Clark Fry's ssage to the CHEY workers places e responsibility for the Christian gher Education appeal right here it belongs, Directly on each mber of our congregations:

"The success of Christian Higher ucation Year rests squarely upon , the members of the congrega- ns of the United Lutheran Church. one can be our proxies in hieving it. We in each congrega- n must win this victory by our- lves.

This is exactly as it should be. The United Lutheran Church is t only the sum of its congrega- ns but their servant. Everything e Church does is solely for the ngregations' benefit. This fact is lf-evident as we think of parish, ucation, pensions, evangelism, ssions, publications. It is equally ue of our colleges and seminaries. I believe in Christian Higher Ed- ation Year because of the rich benefits which each local church will reap from it. This is the whole justification for this great effort. Congregations will profit far more from Christian Higher Education Year than anyone else.

Improved seminaries and strengthened colleges will produce abler pastors — for you. Lay leaders will stream from our educational institutions to improve the fiber of your congregational life. Your Christian youth will be educated in Christian truth. Martin Luther said wisely: "When schools flourish, things go well and the Church is secure . . . God has preserved the Church through schools, they are its conservatories."

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Something Big for the Lord

by The Rev. Paul E. Valentiner
Springfield, Ohio
Director of Publicity — Christian Higher Education Year Appeal

One of life's greatest thrills comes from doing something big for the Lord. When that something is done in cooperation with a huge contingent of other Christians, the thrill is even greater.

That is an experience 150,000 United Lutheran are going to have this month. Like a mighty army, shoulder to shoulder, the lay-power of the church will surge across the North American continent for the cause of Christian Higher Education.

In congregation after congregation Lutherans will march forward to the Altar to be Commissioned by their pastor as workers in the Chris-

tian Higher Education Year Appeal. Then, with Work Kits in hand, they will begin the greatest mass every-member-visitation ever conducted in the United Lutheran Church in America

For months, the Church has been preparing for his hour. Committees have been organized and have labored long perfecting the "Plan of Action" which has been called the finest plan for a Church-wide appeal ever prepared. Excellent information material and the necessary forms and subscription cards are in the hands of congregational leaders. In most congregations laymen are already contacting Advance Givers for this worthy cause.

But all of these things are preliminary to that great week the last of April, when the lay-power of the church will visit the homes of more than one million United Lutherans. There they will lay the challenge of providing Christian leaders for tomorrow on the hearts of the members and appeal to them for their prayers and financial support of our colleges and seminaries.

We Lutherans have always believed that since God wants us to have good colleges and seminaries He also wants us to stand by them with our interest, prayers and strong financial support. That is why this mighty army of Lutherans confidently girds itself for battle. We know that God has promised His resources to those who undertake to carry out His program among men. That is why it presents such a thrilling challenge. It means marching t gether with Him, doing His wi carrying forward the torch of Chri tian Higher Education.

Here is the chance of a life tim Never before in our history ar perhaps not again in this generatic will there be an opportunity for th Church to move as one great un in a cause so dear to the heart our Lord. Plan to be a part of it. one of the one hundred-fifty thou and who will know that wonderf thrill of doing a "big something f the Lord."

Don't sit back and wait for som one to ask you to serve. Go to yo pastor or your congregational a peal chairman and volunteer. Te him you are willing and ready go to work in this cause. Read the available material so you a completely and thoroughly a quainted with the reasons for th Appeal, the purpose of the Appe and the wonderful results that vi tory will bring.

Talk to God about your part this great task. Pray often and fe vently. Ask Him for wisdom, tac guidance and strength. Ask Him help you to understand the threat this hour to His church and to ou American way of life. Ask Him help you determine what your co tribution ought to be.

Then, make your contributio Make the kind of sacrificial gift yo know must be made if all the wo derful results of the Appeal are come to pass. Do not judge yo gift by what others may give

your proportionate share of the congregational goal but make your contribution a sacrificial gift in accordance with your means. God does not ask us to do anything we cannot do, but He does want us to stretch in doing the things we can do.

Whatever your part in the Appeal, thank God for the privilege of working together with other Christian men and women in aiding the colleges and seminaries of the Church. Thank Him for the privilege of bearing fruit in His Kingdom. You will never regret having been a part of this great body of workers who are doing all they can to help provide Christian Leaders for tomorrow.

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This Is The Day For Brotherhood and Chey

The Brotherhood has worked feverishly for the past eleven months to acquaint our membership with the objectives and need for the CHEY appeal. Every available avenue of information has been utilized, - Rallies - Conventions - Fires. Wohlsen's bi-monthly letters - Brotherhood office promotion and LUTHERAN MEN articles have brought the CHEY appeal message to our entire congregation.

One of our most popular tracts bears the title — "This is the Day!". Add to this "For the Brotherhood and CHEY" and you have a slogan that can not fail to challenge every member of our auxilliary.

The zero hour has now arrived. "This is the Day!" — for the members of the brotherhood to demonstrate their loyalty to Christ and his Church through their cooperation in this effort.

Let us offer immediately, — if we have not already done so, — our services as CHEY workers under the direction of our Pastors and Congregational Lay Chairmen and Team captains. **The time is NOW! — This is the Day!** Whether Victory Sunday on April 30th, and Thanksgiving Sunday on May 7th will mean much or little to you and I, — will depend upon what we do now, — and during the remainder of April, 1950.

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Our Church Colleges

By Rev. R. R. Belter

Many of our Church people are asking the question: "Why should I send my youngster to a Christian College, and why should we be asked to support such institutions, when we seemingly have the very best in schools in our State Universities?" It can best be answered by countering that our Church Colleges recognize an added responsibility to our youth. I am reminded that Dr. Robert Hutchins of Chicago U. once said: "We keep a boy in school for four years, and then give him an A. B. . . . Then turn him loose to learn the rest of the alphabet." However, our Church College gives more than just an A.B. It adds a "C" to it, which means that we give them a degree of Bachelor of Arts, which is all the universities give them, and then, in addition to that, we give them a "Conscience" to guide them as they enter the school of ex-

perience to make a living. That, essentially, is the great difference between Church and State controlled institutions.

Dr. O. P. Kretzmann put it thus: "Only the school with a Christian orientation can today stand before the rising generation and say: We have something to offer you which you can find nowhere else. Others may give men knowledge; we must give them that—and understanding. Others may try to make men useful; we must do that—and we must make them noble. We are not asking you to come to an ivory tower to escape from the realities of life or to a marketplace where the voices and minds of men are confused by the immediate and material things of life. We are able to give you the fellowship of men and women whose respect for truth is not vitiated by doubts concerning its reality and permanence. We are able to offer you a school which recognizes the supreme dignity and worth of the individual human being.

We are committed to the principle that the destiny of a Christian University (College) lies in the quality of men and women who are graduated from its halls rather than in quantitative production. Our future lies in the development of men and women, perhaps relatively few in number, whose quality will be so high that they will exert an influence on society which cannot be measured in terms of numbers. Above all, we are deeply committed to the recovery of the one great fact which our wayward world has forgotten: the reality of God and the individual's personal responsibility t Him, a responsibility which can b met only by the fact of the atonemer and the re-establishment of an int mate relationship with the Ruler c the universe through Him who onc entered the stream of time in order t tell men that they could know th truth and that it would make ther free. We can build here a schoo whose greatness is the greatness freedom under God, the greatness the free preservation and transmi sion of truth. the greatness of an inte ligent and dynamic application of militant faith. It is our destiny 'to e ter into the labors and sorrows of th world in order to carry into it th flame of a faith truly free from th world.'"

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Boys

("Ask the Man Who Owns One

After a male baby has grown ou of long clothes and has acquire pants and freckles and so much d that well-meaning relatives do no dare to kiss it between meals, it b comes a BOY.

A boy is nature's unrefutable a swer to mankind's belief that the is no such thing as perpetual motio A boy is a man, minus pride, amb tion, pretense, greed, and about on hundred and ten pounds. When h is grown he will trade romance, en ergy, bashfulness, warts, and a snap proof stomach for these other po sessions. But then, a boy is usuall getting the worst of it in some trad or another.

The world is so full of boys that is practically impossible to touch o

firecracker, strike up a band, or itch a ball game without gathering bout a thousand of him. Boys are ot ornamental but they are useful. it were not for boys the newsapers of this country would go unelivered and unread, and a thousnd circus elephants would die of irst.

Boys are useful in running erands. The zest with which a boy ins an errand is only equaled by e spirit in which a twenty-year-d Missouri mule pulls a wagon aded with bricks. With the aid of ve or six adults, a boy can easily the family errands.

The boy is a natural spectator; atching things is his forte. He atches parades, fires, fights, ball mes, dogs, ice wagons, turtles, bats and airplanes with equal ferv. But he will not watch the clock. he man who invents a clock that ill stand on its head and sing a ng when it strikes, will confer an estimable boon on millions of fames whose boys are forever coming home to dinner about supper time.

Boys are not popular except with their parents, but they do have many fine points. One is their entire trustworthiness. You can absolutely rely on a boy, if you know what to rely on. Trust him to get into some kind of mischief every day, and he will not disappoint you.

Boys are abstemious, eating only when awake. They are also very durable. A boy, if not washed too often and if kept in a cool, quiet place for a while after each accident, will survive broken bones, hornets, swimming holes, massacres, and nine helpings of pie at one sitting. If only some genious would invent a method of making boys' clothes as durable as he is, this world would be much happier for boyraisers.

A boy, if given half a chance and a Christian upbringing, will prove out to be a very capable leader of his community and church.

Author unknown
From "Augustana Men"

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NEWS AND VIEWS

The Kiss of Death

by Rev. Howard Kuhnle

Pastor Kuhnle has just moved to Binghamton, N. Y. to be pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church. He is a frequent contributor to THE LUTHERAN.

The endorsement of a political candidate by one of the leading newspaper publishers has sometimes been called "the kiss of death", because despite the enormous build-up given to any candidate whom this publisher favors, the candidate is almost sure to suffer defeat.

This phrase, "the kiss of death", suggests the way in which some people carelessly, stealthily, and even maliciously speak of others. They say a good word for them, but counter-act the good by a destructive remark. Here are a few examples:

You have had the services of a certain physician for a long time. You know that he is thoroughly reliable. He has helped your family successfuly through a number of illnesses, none of them too serious because you go to him as soon as anything seems to be wrong. Then one day, a friend says to you, "How's Dr. Smith? I've been thinking of taking my wife to him". Your reply runs something like this, "Well, he's a good doctor, and he's always served us well, **but** I really don't think that I would recommend him if your wife is seriously ill."

Last Wednesday was that bi party you attended. Everybody ha a wonderful time — plenty of activi ty. Next day your sister who know the hostess well says, "How was th party?" You reply, without too muc enthusiasm, "Josephine knows ho to put on a marvelous party and th lunch was mighty tasty, **but** I don' know where she dug up some of th people who were there — he friends!!"

There was that time when yo went to hear the famous lecture who really had something to offe You said to a friend the next da "He's wonderful — vocabulary, de livery, gestures, **but** was he long winded and involved!"

What about teachers? Childre have to accept their grammar schoo teachers, because there is no alte native, but what about teachers o such subjects as music. Have yo ever heard a child say, "My teache is a good musician, **but** as far a teaching goes, he couldn't eve teach a duck to swim"? Conside high school teachers: "He knows hi subject, **but** he's no disciplinarian.

Ministers are also the victims o "the kiss of death". More than on person has said something to thi effect, "Our pastor is a fine man an a great organizer, **but** when it come to preaching, he speaks like a semin ary student".

Think of employee-employer rela tionships. There is plenty of com plaint on both sides, but doubtles

more on the part of employees than of employers, because the latter take it for granted that many of their workers are going to be inefficient. Did you ever hear anyone say, "Well the Jones Corporation certainly tries to do everything for you—retirement, cafeteria, rest periods, etc., **but** they only do this because they know that if their workers are happy, they'll do more work than they would if they're always complaining"?

What about friends? How often have you heard people make disparaging remarks about friends whom they have known for a long time? "Good old Joe, He's steady and dependable, **but** what a bore! Or, take Helen, she's a lively one and full of fun, **but** she can't stop chattering. Why, if she kept quiet for two straight minutes, I'd faint!"

"The kiss of death", indeed!

To be sure, there is no inclination to discourage honest opinions, but perhaps people might well remember the old commandment, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor".

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"At 8 o'clock last night I said to my wife: 'Let's go for a spin.' In ten minutes she was ready. We started across the river, and our car ran off the bridge and sank into the river. Fortunately a great big dog on the bank dived in and saved us. Then he went up on the highway and barked for help. You smile. What do you find incredible in this?"

"The part about your wife dressing in ten minutes."—Christian Observer

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NOTICE

The 1950 Biennial Convention of The Brotherhood of The United Lutheran Church in America will be held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The dates for the meeting are October 1-3, 1950.

This will be a delegated convention in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws. The following regulations will govern the election of official Synodical and Congregational delegates:

A. Only those Congregational Brotherhoods which have paid their 1949 or 1950 ULCA membership dues not later than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the 1950 ULCA Brotherhood Convention shall be entitled to send delegates.

B. A registration fee of $2.00 for each delegate shall accompany the Synodical and Congregational delegate registration blanks to Brotherhood Headquarters.

The Brotherhood In Action . . . .

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Educate

(4) Foster an intelligent and appreciative understanding of the whole work of the whole church.

One of the most important functions of the Brotherhood is to train and develop an intelligent laity in the local congregation. He who knows his church, will love and appreciate it; he will serve and sacrifice for it. Shakespeare was right when he wrote, "Ignorance is the curse of God; knowledge the wing wherewith we fly to heaven." The men of the church need all the information about the work of the whole church that can be given to them.

How can the men's organizations bring the knowledge of the church to the laymen? Here are a few suggestions:

1. The monthly topics are a valuable medium by which our men came to a more appreciative understanding of the vast work done by our great church. These topics are written by experts who know their church. They have a keen interest and understanding of the larger church. This they impart to those who study the topic.

2. Church periodicals, such as **Lutheran Men, The Lutheran, Lutheran Women's Work, Luther League Review, Foreign Missionary, Parish School Magazine,** etc, are filled with reports of church wide accomplishments. A Brotherhood Literature Committee should be charged with the distribution of these valuable aids to a better understanding of our church.

3. Leaflets offered by the Boards and Agencies of our church are carefully prepared to bring greater intelligence to our membership. A committee to make a study and plan a wise distribution of available material would be worth all the time it requires.

4. Visual aids are powerful weapons against ignorance. The Lutheran Church has established an enviable record in this direction. Every sound motion picture, film strip or slide is worth showing to our people. Many of our institutions are only too happy to loan their pictures. Let a Brotherhood Committee become interested in this project. Perhaps the men could buy the projectors in addition to scheduling the showing of such pictures.

5. Cooperation with church-wide efforts have tremendous educational values. To delay putting on a church-wide Evangelism Program presenting the Christian Higher Education Year Appeal, etc. until a more "convenient season" loses much of its educational value. District Meetings have little, if any

value to such congregations.

6. The value of the annual Every Member Visitation, properly planned and conducted, cannot be overestimated. Let the Brotherhood offer its help to the Church Council.

7. Conferences and Conventions may become tiresome to some restless persons but the information obtained about the larger work of the church has astounded many who have never before or seldom attended such gatherings. Why not make arrangements for your men to attend some of these meetings? Wire recordings could be made and used to transmit reports and addresses of conventions to those who cannot attend.

8. Pilgrimages to our nearby church institutions are always revealing to those who make such a tour.

9. Representatives of our church and its agencies could be asked to give addresses, even at the Worship services, about the work in which they are engaged.

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Engineer Prayed Out Loud

For 20 miles downhill, around curves, and through downtown Milwaukee the front section of a Diesel locomotive rolled at high speed without brakes or power after a collision with a trailer truck had weakishly cut it loose from its train and broken the compressed air hose.

"I prayed out loud," said the engineer, William Jordan. "I yelled to the fireman to pray out loud, too. And our prayers were answered.

The engine finally came to a stop on an upgrade after dispatchers and a quick-thinking secretary to the general superintendent had worked at high speed to clear the track for it and set engines to catch it if necessary.

Men and women often turn to God for help when every material resource apparently has failed; many thousands can say with conviction that this course helps.

"Bethlehem Bulletin"

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Fellowship

When a feller hasn't got a cent
And is feelin' kind of blue,
And the clouds hang thick and—
Won't let the sun shine through.
It's a great thing, oh my brethren,
For a feller just to lay
His hand upon your shoulder in a
friendly sort o' way.

It makes a man feel queerish,
It makes the tear-drops start,
And you kind o' feel a flutter
In the region of your heart.
You can't look up and meet his eye,
You don't know what to say
When a hand is on your shoulder
in a friendly sort o' way.

Oh this world's a curious compound
With its honey and its gall;
Its cares and bitter crosses,
But a good world after all.
And a good God must have made it,
Leastwise that is what I say,
When a hand is on your shoulder
in a friendly sort o' way.

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LUTHERAN BOY SCOUTS

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Scout Training

has a tendency to make boys self reliant in a day and age when there is not too much independent thinking and action.

Scouting encourages boys to make an honest effort to solve their own problems. Every requirement in Scouting is in the nature of a problem to be solved, involving a boy's own welfare as well as that of others. He is taught by actual practice what to do in all kinds of emergencies, so that he may be in a position to take care of himself and others. He learns to cook his own food, pitch his own tent, find his way through the forest, cross a stream, climb a mountain, signal to his fellows, and do many other worthwhile things. This training will give him confidence in his own ability and to take care of himself. Scouting also gives every boy a job to do for the good of the Patrol or Troop. Scouting is doing worthwhile things with and for the group.

The great good in Scouting lies in the fact that it is always challenging boys to go on a hike, do a good turn, pitch a tent, always up and doing and let's go. Boys who are exposed to this kind of training will soon learn to stand on their own feet and think for themselves. This is what is needed in America today. The spirit of the pioneers which made America great has been all but lost. There is a growing tendency in our day for people to depend on others to do the thinking for the group, to wait for the group or the government to direct what we are to do. We have been looking for security to come to us from without ourselves rather than from a feeling of self confidence and assurance within ourselves. Scouting brings out the best in boys. Let's give it a chance by sponsoring an honest-to-goodness Troop in every congregation of our Church.

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A very thin man met a very fat man in the hotel lobby.

"From the looks of you," said the fat man, "There might have been a famine."

"Yes," was the reply, "and from the looks of you, you might have caused it."

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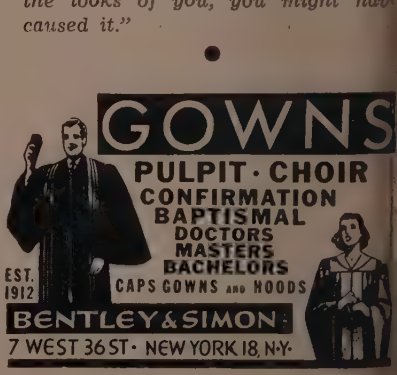

Lutheran Men In Bible Study Classes . .

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Christian Family Week - - - May 7-14, 1950

This is a week during which special attention is paid to the home and the family each year. The Christian character of the home and Christian living by family members are the key to a Christian society, a strong church, and a peaceful world. The more the congregations and families can do during this week to strengthen family life and the co-operation of home and church the greater will be the impetus to making our country and the world Christian.

Families Can Help

1. Family members can express their unity by sitting together in the church service this Sunday.

2. They can visit an unchurched family, invite them to church, call for them and take them to the service, and introduce them to other people.

3. They can start or improve family worship.

4. They can make use of a family council to make plans and settle problems.

5. They can help children and young people with their church school lessons in the home.

6. They can attend courses on preparation for marriage (young people) or family life (adults).

The Church Should Lead Off

1. The pastor can preach sermons on phases of family life on both Sundays.

2. The church can give courses on preparation for marriage and Christian family life.

3. The church school can hold a meeting of parents and leaders to help bring about closer co-operation between them.

4. The church may set up a bookshelf of literature on Christian marriage and family life.

5. The church can make plans for courses, counseling, and other means for strengthening family life and home-church co-operation.

6. The church may have various family members take part in conducting the church services.

7. The congregation can co-operate with other churches in community undertakings which will promote Christian family living.

The Parish and Church School Board has sent every pastor in the U.L.C.A. a folder entitled **How the Church May Cooperate.** A companion folder for homes, entitled **Your Home and National Family Week,** may be secured from the United Lutheran Publication House at $1.75 a hundred copies.

TOPIC OF THE MONTH .

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Topic for May, 1950

PROJECT THE GOSPEL

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AIM: To review the progress made by the church in using modern means of communication such as radio, television, and films, and to suggest how the church may further adapt these means to more effectively carry out its task of evangelizing the world.

NOTE: If there are men in your Brotherhood organization who work in radio, television, films, journalism, or commercial art, they should be asked to present the topic, or to serve as resource persons for a discussion period which would follow.

Worship

HYMN, "Sun of My Soul, Thou Saviour Dear"—No. 463 C.S.B., or No. 343 P.S.H.
SCRIPTURE: Psalm 1
FREE PRAYER
SPECIAL MUSIC

The Topic

Since the time of the first Christians, the commands "Go and tell" and "Go and teach" have inspired action in the church. It was this urgent request from the Master that inspired the Apostle Paul to brave the perils of primitive travel to journey far and wide as a missionary. It was the same words that sent the early missionaries to northern Europe, where barbarians waited for the message of the church. It is still the basis of both home and foreign mission programs today.

Though the gospel is the same today as in the days of the first Christians, the means of spreading it have improved and multiplied. When Jesus walked this earth he had no public address system, no press row nor television camera to help spread his words. He had to make the best of the situation as he found it. To reach the largest possible number of people he selected a place on a hill from which to deliver a sermon. Or he went out into a boat and preached to the crowd which lined the shore.

If the church today is to continue to bring its message, and especially if it is to compete satisfactorily with all the other messages being presented in our modern world, it must be aware of the modern means at its disposal and must know how to use them effectively.

Printing

Printing was one of the earliest inventions which the church adapted for her use. The story of the Reformation would be entirely different had not the printing press been invented. At first only Bibles and portions of Bibles were printed, but soon other church literature was made available to people who could read. Today the Bible is printed in more than 1000 languages and dialects, and each year additional thousands are able to read it, thanks to mission schools and literacy programs such as the one begun by Dr. Frank Laubach, the famed "Apostle of the Illiterates."

Each church body has its own magazine, sometimes one in English and one in a foreign language. The secular weekly news magazines carry sections on religious news, and the larger daily papers have religious or church editors. They know now that religion is news, and they will cooperate in presenting it to the public.

How can we further the work of the church through the printed word? We can keep ourselves informed by reading our own church papers and by assisting them in getting news from our churches. We should be aware of new books issued through our publishing houses, and should read them. We can learn what are the attitudes of the editors of our local papers toward church news, and follow their suggestions in presenting stories of church events. We can be alert for unusual stories that would make feature material for papers or magazines. We can contribute to the furthering of the church abroad by contributing to Lutheran World Action, which has had as one of its projects the supplying of paper for church periodicals in Germany, particularly among refugees and displaced persons, and in other countries where religious literature is scarce.

Men who have had experience in newspaper or magazine work have a contribution to make through committees of local churches and church groups. Several welfare organizations, by a careful selection of their committee members, have received valuable help in writing promotional material, in layout, in artwork, and in printing, through the use of Lutheran laymen who are willing to give of their time and talents to promote the church through the printed word.

Films

When the motion picture was first invented it was looked at askance by many of our church people — and with good reason. Because of those early bad impressions many churches have been overly cautious in admitting the value of the motion pictures to the church field. Others became awake too late, and just got around to buying a silent projector when sound films became prominent.

During the past several years the Lutheran Church, and all other large

church bodies, have made tremendous progress in the use of visual education—a field that covers not only sound and silent films, but film strips, and many other things. The Evangelical Lutheran Church has its ELC Films, a service which makes movies of the work of various departments of the church, takes still shots of church work, supplies films for showing in congregations, and gives advice to churches just going into the visual education field. The Augustana Lutheran Church set up an audio-visual service on January 1, 1947, and since then has done an outstanding job of presenting the work of its own body and in serving as a film distribution center. The Stewardship films produced during the past three years by The United Lutheran Church in America have been outstanding religious pictures, and have been widely used in other Lutheran and non-Lutheran groups. Other films for ULCA are handled by the various boards concerned, and through the publishing house. The American Lutheran Church has a film distribution service in its publishing house. Smaller bodies which do not have a film distribution service nevertheless use films extensively.

Lutheran World Action has found films to be a highly successful way of telling the church about its program. In addition to several full-length sound movies, Lutheran World Action has produced numerous film strips. A number of film distributors and producers handling only religious films have appeared in the past few years.

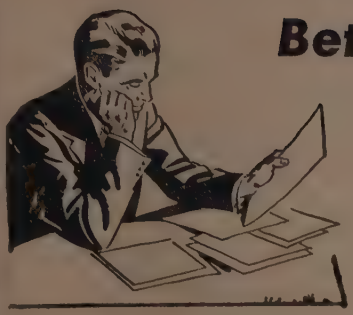
Besides knowing what visual aids are available for church use, and using them, each member can indirectly promote the work of the church by his attitude toward commercial movies. Many church papers now carry movie reviews, and Lutherans can patronize the films which are recommended and shun those which are of questionable worth. It may be wise to confer with local theatre managers to see whether anything can be one to show the better films and omit the poor ones.

Radio

Radio has been widely used by the church. Several Lutheran pastors are heard each year on the Church of the Air, sponsored by the Columbia Broadcasting System. An attempt is made to include representatives of several of the Lutheran bodies among each year's speakers.

That the church has a message, and that it can be popular with listeners, is proven by the International Luthéran Hour, originated by Dr. Walter Maier, a recently deceased pastor of the Lutheran Church, Missiouri Synod. At the last count the program was heard in fifty countries, and in twenty different languages. Another outstanding religious program in different form is "The Greatest Story Ever Told."

A survey of radio listening habits, conducted b ythe Rev. John W. Bachman of Baylor University, and Clayton B. Peterson of the University of Wisconsin, indicated that on Sunday mornings there is a large audience listening to religious programs. The surveys revealed that programs of local origin were more appealing to listeners than national programs featuring "name" preachers.



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These facts indicate that congregations would do well to investigate the possibility of broadcasting their services over local stations. If it is impossible to broadcast the regular worship it may be worthwhile to try broadcasting a brief program of religious music with a short devotional message. The problem of course is to sustain the high quality of program which is needed if you are to compete successfully with commercial programs. Some church groups have been successful in sponsoring morning devotions as a joint project, with all local pastors of National Lutheran Council bodies taking part.

Television

Many churches now think in terms of television as well as radio. Several religious films, including the 1949 Lutheran World Action film "Answer for Anne," have been televised with good response from the viewers. The first church services to be televised, so far as is known, were viewed during the Easter season in 1948. Since then other churches have televised occasional services. The 1949 ordination service of the Augustana Lutheran Church was filmed under supervision of the Augustana Visual Aid Service, and telecast on at least two occasions. Sister Anna Ebert, who spoke on the CBS Church of the Air in July, 1949, was televised over a Philadelphia TV station.

Perseverance Pays

It is impossible in a brief presentation of this sort to give advice on how to go about using these various media. Perhaps the best way is to use persons in your own groups who have had experience in the different fields. If there are none, let interested persons do some study on each of the fields. Local libraries can furnish some reference books, the pastor will no doubt have a few, and the Brotherhood would do well to purchase one or two more.

Men and women in the news, movie, radio, or TV field, are often generous about giving help and advice if they know you are really making an effort to learn. Don't be discouraged by occasional rebuffs. If your big story gets crowded out of the paper, don't cross the editor off your list; instead, see that he has the inside track on another good story. If the radio station isn't interested in your program idea, re-work it, or start over from scratch. Eventually an idea will click, if it has merit. Using films is probably the easiest, since the program is all prepared, and all you need to do is select the film, gather an audience and show it.

There is still no substitute for personal contact in projecting the church's message. A congregation may broadcast its services weekly, get its announcements and an occasional story in the paper, even have a television show once or twice a year, but if the individual member isn't interested enough to talk about the church to his fellow members, to his neighbors, to unchurched friends, to co-workers, it will still languish. It's up to us to tell about the church, and to use every legitimate means to do it.

Questions for Discussion

1. What facilities do we have in our area for the use of:
   a) Films?
   b) Radio and television?

c) Press?

d) Witness of the individual?

2. What use have we made of these existing means of communication?

3. How can we further use the existing means of communication?

4. Give example of the progress being made by other churches which do make full use of every opportunity to evangelize through the use of these media.

Closing Worship

HYMN, "O That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"—No. 275 C.S.B., or No. 232 P.S.H.
HYMN, "Promise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation"—No. 286 C.S.B., or No. 248 P.S.H.
PRAYER, including the Lord's Prayer
BENEDICTION
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AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LUTHERAN BROTHERHOODS

(Project for June Meeting)

1. Appoint a committee to secure copies of as many of the pamphlets listed below under "Bibiliography" as possible. Your Brotherhood headquarters can supply some of them at a nominal cost. Have this committee study the history of the Brotherhood movement, as well as its present activities, and be prepared to present the topic for June.

2. Invite a qualified speaker to give a short informational talk on the last meeting of the American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods, which was

THESE LAYMEN WITNESS

Some of the great spiritual insights of the ages have come from laymen and laywomen. The Upper Room for May-June is an all-lay number. The devotional messages for these months are written by lay persons who have learned to get daily help and inspiration through Bible reading, prayer and meditation. Here are engineers, and housewives, merchants and educators, congressmen, doctors, labor leaders, lawyers, and others who will lead millions of people in daily devotions. Join the ever-growing circle of individuals and families who find inspiration for daily living in THE UPPER ROOM.

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LWA'S "Oasis in the Desert"

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This job of helping others has many compensations to offset the hard work. One of mine came at a moment when I looked into the faces of mothers laughing while their tears flowed freely. Let me tell you about it.

The first rest camp, for evangelical refugee children in Austria opened on July 2nd, at Fuschl-am-See, near Salzburg. It was sponsored by the Lutheran World Federation's Refugee Division and financed chiefly with Lutheran World Action Funds. Supplementary food was sent by the Norwegian Relief agency, consisting of fish paste, dried cod, cod liver oil, and tomato sauce. The World Council of Churches added a shipment of flour—presumably from Church World Service—and Lutheran World Relief supplied cereal and assorted food packages.

Present for the opening ceremonies were Miss Henrietta Lund who directs the L.W.F. refugee work in Austria, Pastor Martin Dietrich from the L.W.F. office in Geneva, visitors from the Norwegian Relief Agency and the W.C.C., and the writer.

The camp is in charge of Pastor Zoltan Anthony, a young refugee pastor from Slovakia. I visited him at the camps in Linz during the Christmas season of 1946, at which time he was almost single-handedly carrying the burden of the spiritual needs of our 6000 people. Three years later, he's still at it, not quite as gaunt and haggard as then, yet showing the effects of the hard months of strain and overwork. How his people love him!

We were a little late in arriving, and the children were gathered around the tables in the dining room for a mid-morning snack. As we entered the door, they greeted us with a hearty "Bruess-s-s *Gott!*" chanted in unison almost with the impact of a football cheer. I don't know when I've heard so much excitement and joy and enthusiasm crammed together in little voices, or seen so much sparkle in eyes which looked up from pale thin faces. You see, every child was a

berculosis suspect, and every one ad spent most of his life under war nditions or in the dreary confines the refugee camps which a Swedish ctor called "vernichtungslager—mp of doom". For them this meal emed like a foretaste of heaven!

There were fifty children—boys d girls between 6 and 12 years of e—chosen from the 1200 children the 44 camps cared for by Pastor nthony. The Swedish Red Cross had amined all of them and pronounced 5 per cent of them active or suspect-l T.B. cases! Three other groups of ty each would follow the first group Fuschl-am-See, each remaining a eek. The cost to L.W.A will total out a thousand dollars, including nsportation, food and lodging.

Each day had its schedule for read-g, Bible study, music, handwork, lks,—not much strenuous exercise uld be included for such youngsters. e food was ample and well balan-d, quite in contrast to the normal mp diet. Each child had his own d, with not more than four beds in room— and this had never before ppened to some of them! No won-r they were radiant, as they took ir walk along the lake in a pro-sion led by two boys waving flags Pastor Anthony's design, bearing Luther seal on a background of ite.

suppose that when they return to ir dark, unlovely barracks, they'll am for weeks about the food they at camp. They had "wiener schnit-" for dinner the day we were there, l it looked wonderful! No doubt it was something new for most of them. Every one was from ten to twenty pounds underweight. As they told us their names, we asked their ages. It came as a shock to learn that a boy about the size of a healthy American

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seven-year old was nearly twelve! He'll never completely make up for lost time and food.

You should hear them sing! There are practically no hymn books in the camps—and some youngsters have had little schooling, for that matter—yet they sang hymn after hymn with fervor and sureness. Then Pastor Anthony told them about the Saviour Who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me . . ." as they listened with rapt attention.

Last of all they sang a song about "Hanslein", to the tune of "Baby Bye, Here's a Fly". It was all about a little boy who went out into the world by himself, so that now his parents had no Hanslein any more. It amused them to think how this favorite song now fitted them—this was their first trip away from "home".

Now comes the sequel. The next day was Sunday and we went with Pastor Anthony to the camps at Linz, a hundred miles away. No sooner had we entered the grounds than the mothers of the children flocked around him. How were the children? Were they homesick? Did they sleep well? Were they happy?

Finally Pastor Anthony told them to go into the little barracks used for a chapel, and he would give them a brief report. So in they went, sat down, and drank in every word he spoke. He told them about the ride there, about the white bed sheets, the wiener schnitzel, the lovely lake, the naps and walks and Bible stories—not a single detail did he miss. All was told with such a masterly sense of humor and sensitiveness that the mothers alternated between laughter and

DR. MICHELFELDER AND SOME OF OUR WARDS

ars. I sat in front watching their ces—it was a sight to remember! here was mingled worry, relief, lone- meness and happiness—it made you oke up to see it. Somewhere there as sitting in the group a mother who d offered to give away her three tle girls to any good person who uld take good care of them—so far n love and despair go! One of the ree was with her—an open case of B.—and so could not accompany r two sisters to camp. I couldn't lp but wonder what thoughts pass- through that mother's mind as she ard how the Church was pouring at st a little love and care on her chil- en, in answer to her prayers!

After Pastor Anthony had assured em that their children were happy, asked them, "And shall I tell the ildren that their mothers are happy ?" A chorus of affirmative replies t no doubt in the matter. He told m how the children thought of ss Lund as their benefactor and as ir "Mother from America". The thers all crowded around her to e her hand and thank her—that's en I saw Miss Lund's tears—and ssed if I didn't drop a few myself! e sight of the children thrilled my art; but the faces of the mothers ved me to tears. And I'm not amed of it!

Yes, you should have seen it. Your ts made it possible. Of course, one y wonder how much good a week do for children in such circum- nces. I'm convinced that it does nense good, for somehow faith l hope and love work miracles in combination with a fresh physical boost like that. Lutheran World Action provides many such an oasis in the desert where tens of thousand of refugees still wander. Any one of them is worth your continued sacrifice!

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